

VILLAGE OF CENTRAL SQUARE

3125 East Avenue
Central Square, New York 13036

PLANNING BOARD

February 24, 2011

The Village of Central Square Planning Board met at Village Hall on February 24, 2011. Members present were Chairperson Stephen Williams, Burt Alm, and Maryellen Commisso. Chairperson Williams was notified in advance of the planned absence of Barbra Davis and Dee Sperling. Also in attendance were Village Trustee John Urbaniak, Curtis Chidsey, Boy Scout from Caughdenoy Troop working on Communications Merit Badge and his mentor, Dawn Burdick.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Williams, at 7:17PM and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Burt Alm made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27 Public Hearing as written. The motion was seconded by Stephen Williams, the Board was polled and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Stephen Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27 Planning Board Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Burt Alm, the Board was polled and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

The fact-finding objective regarding definition of temporary carpports. Chairperson Stephen Williams read the request letter (attached) to Code Enforcement Officer, Mark Bombardo, for interpretation and his reply letter (attached) addressing the request. In summary, temporary and permeate carpports are not addressed differently by Village or New York State Code. Neither code address the use of "blue tarps" or wooden garage doors. Some discussion brought out that Mark was uniquely qualified to aid the various questions brought forward at these meetings and he is viewed as a valuable resource. While it is not the desire to interfere or make this issue more difficult with regard to the senior development or any other group, maintenance guidelines should be looked at with more interest with regard to temporary carpports.

Chairperson Stephen Williams read the information shared by Burt Alm regarding "portable garages." John Urbaniak commented on the "tent" side of this issue with specific emphasis on the multiuse factor of these types of outdoor shelters, i.e., item storage, garage sale, summer party, and vehicle/equipment storage. Although it was agreed that compliance with Chapter 80-2, Chapter 144 and Chapter 178, would

regulate to some extent the negative impact these portable garages could have, more time spent at the next workshop/meeting on Burt Alm's initial information regarding portable garages was highly suggested.

The fact-finding objective regarding LED signage was briefly discussed. Chairperson Stephen Williams gave a short personal reflection regarding his experience with different LED signs while traveling with regard to the levels of brightness and how it may impair motorists in different ways. It was agreed that to accurately measure the brightness, it would be imperative to set a rule to measure lumens and acquire the tool that fulfills that end. John Urbaniak shared resources from Department of State, regarding signs and it was further agreed that this issue should be discussed in more depth, after reviewing the material, at the next workshop/meeting.

Regarding signage throughout the old commercial zone and the issue of maintaining overall character of the Village. It was briefly commented that the Comprehensive Plan would give meaning to the overall character needing to be maintained. There was direction from John Urbaniak to find the Comprehensive Plan on the Village website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Initial discussion regarding Renewable Alternative Energy Sources/Systems with information shared by Burt Alm on Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) and Energy Conservation Devices (ECDs) and a possible draft to a future ordinance, realizing that energy conversion and conservation is a reality as the Village moves forward. Chairperson Stephen Williams read the information outlining specific purpose, findings, definitions, and requirements for WECS and ECDs.

John Urbaniak commented on a current ordinance that limits the size to thirty-five (35) feet as Chairperson Stephen Williams continued reading aloud from the draft. Maryellen Commisso made comment as to the order of sections that were specifically directed toward WECS or ECDs. After some clarification, and review, a shift of subparagraphs made better sense to those in attendance. The changes will be made and sent back to Burt Alm for his review. As there is more information to be reviewed than time allows for, it was agreed to table further discussion until the next Planning Board workshop/meeting.

John Urbaniak commented on the Code Enforcement Officer's willingness to make himself available at the Planning Board's request to cover questions. It was agreed that the CEO has been at most meetings, whether requested or not and his valuable insight so appreciated. John Urbaniak suggested the Planning Board seek out the CEO for possible training/informational session. He also stated that there is online training available through Department of State that the Board Members may find very beneficial.

Chairperson Stephen Williams requested that a packet for each absent Board Member be compiled and to notify them that packets can be picked up at the Village Office.

Chairperson Stephen Williams announced the next scheduled Planning Board Workshop/Meeting will be on March 17, 2011. He asked if that date would be a conflict for anyone in attendance, as it was St. Patrick's Day, and with no conflict, confirmed the March 17 meeting date.

Burt Alm made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephen Williams seconded the motion, the Board polled and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

JudyAnn Trombley
Planning Board Secretary